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SUBJECT: CLARKE EQUIPMENT COMPANY REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

1. ERIC EVANS OF CLARKE EQUIPMENT CO. HAS SOUGHT OUR ASSISTANCE IN VERIFYING THAT FIRM KNOWN AS MATHEWS GROUP, 1911 N. FORT MYER DRIVE, ARLINGTON, VA., IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF OR ASSOCIATED WITH ARAB-INTERNATIONAL BANK.

2. CLARKE EQUIPMENT CO. APPARENTLY SEEKING SALE OF \$25 MILLION WORTH OF EQUIPMENT TO UNIDENTIFIED EGYPTIAN INTEREST. CLARKE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY MATHEWS GROUP WHICH CLAIMS TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF ARAB-INTERNATIONAL BANK AND WANTS TO REPRESENT CLARKE PRESUMABLY ON BEHALF OF A-I BANK RE SALE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE CONTACT APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL OF A-I BANK TO SEE IF MATHEWS GROUP IN FACT IS REPRESENTATIVE OR OTHERWISE AFFILIATED WITH BANK. ROBINSON

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